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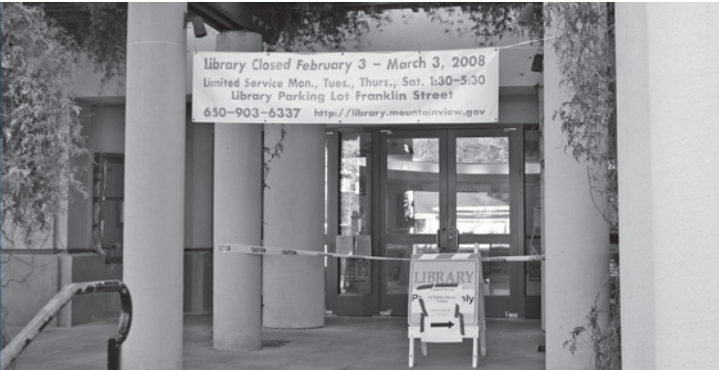
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Join us Saturday,  
April 26th  
for the 30th Annual  
Downtown Parade,  
Castro Street, 12:00  
noon. Rain or shine!  
See page 4 for details.

Check out the  
Community Calendar  
of Events on page 7

## LIBRARY RE-OPENING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 3RD



After more than ten years of service, the Library is in the process of making improvements and adding resources to better serve our community! The Library temporarily closed from February 3rd and is scheduled to re-open at 10:00 a.m., on March 3rd. The Library building, located on 585 Franklin Street, was temporarily closed for a number of physical and service improvements, including installation of a state-of-the-art automated check-in system and a new sorting system. Together, these new systems will cut the staff time devoted to handling of returned materials in half—providing for even greater customer service and assistance for our patrons. Along with the upgrade of the services and technology, the Library was also refreshed and deferred maintenance projects were completed, including environmentally friendly lighting. Other improvements include:

- Newly configured lobby and seating areas with additional seating throughout the Library
- Drive-up return in the parking garage and front of Library (limited time) drop-off zone on Franklin street
- Two additional self-check in/out machines
- New signage throughout and digital signage in the Lobby
- Expanded media and Teen Zone collections
- New Adult Learning (Literacy collections)
- New expanded collection of extra copies of popular titles provided by the Friends of the Library
- New study and quiet areas
- New paint and carpeting

The Mountain View Public Library will host a day-long Re-opening celebration on Saturday, March 15 beginning at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to stop by for tours of the building, including a behind-the-scenes look at how the Library's new book sorting system works. Librarians will be available to demonstrate how to use new features of the Library catalog and other new technology enhancements. The free public celebration will also include entertainment and refreshments. (See page 5 for more library programs.)

**For updates**  
and more information  
about the scheduled re-opening and  
planned celebration at the Library,  
call (650) 903-6335 or visit  
[www.library.mountainview.gov](http://www.library.mountainview.gov)

## New City of Mountain View Childcare Center Breaks Ground



The City celebrated the groundbreaking for the new Childcare Center located at 266 Escuela Avenue in January. The Center will be operated by the Children's Creative Learning Center (CCLC), a locally-based, prominent national provider of childcare services. The Center will serve up to 104 children, ranging from 6 weeks to 5-years of age. CCLC will be licensed by the state of California and also intends to seek national accreditation for the Center.

The Center design includes several community-use features, including a Community Resource Room and a children's playground. These features will be available for public use when not in use by the Center. A portion of the funding for the Mountain View Childcare Center has been made available through a partnership between the City, and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

The new Center is scheduled to open in September of 2008. Low-income Mountain View residents will receive first priority for enrollment (through an application and lottery process), followed by Mountain View residents, City employees and others. Tuition subsidies will also be available. The enrollment lottery process will run from February 2008 through April 2008.

For more information, call the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301.

## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

### Arbor Day Celebration March 8

Mountain View will celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, March 8 in Pioneer Park, on Church Street between City Hall and the Library. All activities are free and open to the public.

The celebration begins at 10:15 a.m. with a children's Arbor Day reading presentation in the Mountain View Public Library. Activities continue in the park from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Enjoy children's arts and crafts, face painting, a guided tree walk and complimentary hot dogs and drinks. Public agencies and volunteer environmental groups will provide information about trees, composting, and conservation. A tree climbing demonstration by the Forestry Division is also scheduled. Enjoy live bluegrass music performed by 'bout Time!

Mountain View's Annual Arbor Day ceremony will be celebrated rain or shine. For more information, contact the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273. For more Arbor Day-related activities see page 7.



### New Sierra Vista Avenue Neighborhood Park Opening Soon!

Construction of a new "mini" neighborhood park at Sierra Vista Avenue is in the final stages and a celebration of its opening will be held soon. The design for the new 0.8-acre neighborhood park was created in conjunction with neighborhood residents who provided their ideas and suggestions at several community meetings. The new park features play structures, swing sets, picnic tables with benches, a large lawn area, pathways, and other amenities.

For more information, call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331. For updates visit: [www.mountainview.gov/news/city](http://www.mountainview.gov/news/city)

## YOUR CONNECTION TO CITY GOVERNMENT

Starting on Tuesday, March 25, you can watch City Council meetings live on your computer, laptop, or PDA device. You can also access an archive of previous Council meetings and view them on-line. Environmental Planning Commission meetings are scheduled to be available in May. This is your link to E-government! The City's Information Systems Division (using Granicus software and technology) will enhance access and improve the way residents find out information about Mountain View. For updates visit: [www.mountainview.gov/news/city](http://www.mountainview.gov/news/city)



# FY 2008-09 Budget Process Underway

The City Staff began work on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 budget in December. The budget process will continue with public meetings throughout the Spring. The City Council will consider the proposed budget at a City Council meeting Public Hearing on June 3, with final adoption anticipated on June 10.

Through careful management, Mountain View is in sound financial condition. However, the City continues to be concerned about the potential impacts of the economy and the State budget crisis on City finances. City staff will continue to monitor developments in the economy and in Sacramento in order to make adjustments to ensure a balanced budget for FY 2008-09.

The City is committed to maintaining the best possible service levels to meet the needs of our community. For more information about the budget development process or upcoming budget hearings, call the Finance and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6316 or visit the City’s website at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov)

## It Pays to Shop in Mountain View

Did you know that every time you shop at stores or dine out in Mountain View, the City receives 1% of the 8.25% sales tax that is collected. Sales and hotel tax revenues account for approximately 25% of the revenue used by the City’s General Operating Fund.

The General Operating Fund (see budget story above) supports the majority of the basic services and programs local residents and businesses rely on, including police and fire services, recreation and park services and library services.

Every time you shop locally or dine out in Mountain View, you help support and maintain the quality of City services Mountain View residents have come to expect from the City, and that make Mountain View such a desirable place to live.

## Mountain View Public Safety Assists Southern CA

As part of its commitment to mutual aid and assisting those in need, the Mountain View Fire Department sent one fire truck and five Firefighters to assist with suppressing the Southern California wild fires this past October. On Monday, October 22, 2007, the Mountain View Fire Department received the State’s request for assistance in battling the Southern California Fires.



Mountain View responded by deploying Battalion Chief Andy Smith and Engine 2 staffed by Captains Kevin Collins and Vern Chestnut, Engineer Mike Wester, and Firefighter/ Paramedic Mike Robbins. In addition, on Thursday, October 25, 2007, Mountain View sent one Public Safety Dispatcher, Jaymie Caoili, down to assist at the Incident Dispatch Center at the Poomacha Fire in San Diego County.

Gratitude and thank you messages to Public Safety were found everywhere, expressing gratitude in numerous ways. The outpouring of appreciation was humbling and appreciated by the firefighters as they continue their mission to protect lives, save property, and protect the environment.

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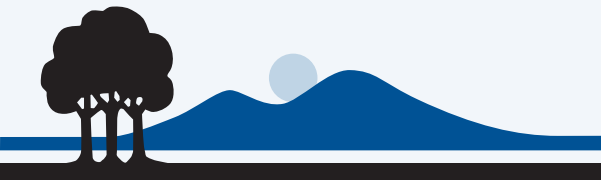
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**City Mission Statement**  
The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.



## City Wins Two Traffic Safety Grants

The California Office of Traffic Safety has awarded Mountain View two grants that are aimed at increasing traffic safety in the City. The Police Department’s Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) received \$50,910 to assist in identifying red light violators, intersections with a disproportionate number of traffic collisions, and drivers not using seatbelts. The grant money will be used to fund four dual-purpose motorcycles to be deployed by assigned officers enforcing traffic violations.

The Public Works Department received a grant of \$41,082 to fund a new Geographic Information System (GIS) that analyzes collision data. The new system will enable Police Department and Engineering Division personnel to identify high-risk accident locations within the City and prioritize safety improvement programs to best fit community needs.

For more information, call the Police Department at (650) 650-903-6344, or the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



**Mountain View Receives Distinguished Budget Award**

The City has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada for its Fiscal Year 2007-08 budget.

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 16,800 government finance professionals throughout North America. The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is awarded to cities that reflect the highest principles in governmental budgeting. Its attainment is a significant accomplishment by municipality and its management. For Further Information concerning the City’s budget or this recent award, please contact, the Finance and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6316.

## City Holds Life Sciences Summit

On December 7, 2007, the Economic Development Division of the Community Development Department co-hosted a summit designed to encourage the growth of the life sciences industry in Mountain View. Currently, more than one-hundred life science companies are located in the city, and Mountain View has one of the fastest growth rates for the industry in the Bay Area. Thirty representatives from locally-based life science businesses, ranging from start-ups to more established businesses, attended this successful summit.

The summit featured opportunities for networking and presentations on how to acquire venture capital funding. Participants also learned about grant and assistance programs, as well as regional resources for life science development. Mountain View’s Economic Development Division provided information on the role the City plays in supporting the life science business community.

For more information on business development in Mountain View, call the Economic Development Division (650) 903-6379.



## Private Sector Helps with Emergency Preparedness

As part of a new program to bring together public and private sector resources in preparing for emergencies, Mountain View has joined the Critical Incident Protocol (CIP) program. Sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security and the University of Michigan, the program provides opportunities for local governments and businesses to meet and discuss how to work together during a disaster in the community.

The Fire and Police Departments have begun meeting with companies and businesses located in the City to inventory resources and determine how each participant can contribute during an emergency. More information and planning meetings are scheduled with the aid of staff from the University of Michigan. Once the CIP has been developed, the participants will continue to communicate regularly in order to keep the protocol up-to-date.

For more information, call the Office of Emergency Services at (650) 903-6356.

Without warning, disasters can strike the Bay Area anytime leaving you and your family vulnerable. To help you prepare, the Fire Department is offering a NEW 3-1/2 hour class called **PEP—Personal Emergency Preparedness**. This free class will focus on teaching you the basics on how to survive the first 72 hours of a disaster. For more information, please visit the Fire Department’s webpage on the City’s website.



# General Plan Update

Mountain View is in the process of updating the General Plan, the road map used to guide future development in the City. The update includes an assessment of legal compliance with the current General Plan and a review of strategies for development used in other communities. The City Council received reports on these areas this past December.

The next step in updating the General Plan is a ‘visioning’ initiative to gather input from the local community about what the City should be like in the future. This Spring the City Council and City Staff will begin a series of public meetings to discuss issues related to the City’s future direction. The purpose of the visioning process is to help the public identify key community goals and values that will inform revisions to the General Plan. Topics of discussion will include:

- **What is the character of our city?**
- **Where do we want growth in our community and what kind of growth do we want?**
- **What areas and local characteristics do we want to preserve in Mountain View?**

For more information about the General Plan and the community-wide visioning process, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.

## Mountain View Wins Climate Study Grant

Mountain View was just one of two cities in Santa Clara County to be awarded a \$45,000 grant from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for climate protection planning. Awarded for cities focusing on innovative projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The City was awarded the funding in order to assist in the work needed to include climate protection planning as part of the General Plan update.

## New Recycled Water Project

In 2009 the City will begin delivering recycled water to the North Bayshore area. This is a joint project between the cities of Palo Alto and Mountain View, the new distribution system will supply recycled water from the Regional Water Quality Control Plant in Palo Alto to the area of Mountain View located north of Highway 101. Recycled water will replace potable water currently used for landscape irrigation.

Some of the City’s largest water consumers are located in the North Bayshore area, including the Shoreline Golf Links and large business complexes. The City estimates that recycled water consumption will eventually exceed 1,000,000 gallons per day, replacing up to 10% of the City’s potable water use. Palo Alto will supply up to 3,000,000 gallons per day to Mountain View, providing an ample supply for future system expansion. Mountain View will receive recycled water at no cost under the terms of a 30-year agreement between the Cities.

The project is financed by Mountain View and Palo Alto, as well as grant and loan funding from the State of California. Mountain View is also continuing to pursue Federal funding to offset a portion of its project costs.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



# Green Mountain View— Environmental Sustainability Program



The City’s Environmental Sustainability Program is making great progress. Many important steps have been taken this winter to continue to meet the City Council’s vision of transforming the City’s environmental efforts and investments, such as solar power, alternative-fuel vehicles, energy efficiency, award-winning transit-oriented development, urban reforestation, and more, into a long-term sustainability program to enhance Mountain View’s natural environment and serve as an example for residents and businesses to think and act sustainably. These steps include:

- Selection of a 15 member Environmental Sustainability Task
- Force to study and recommend sustainability initiatives to the City Council, including city-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions. In addition to the more than 50 at-large members also selected, anyone who lives or works in Mountain View is encouraged to attend and participate in the Task Force’s meetings;
- Continuing work on baseline GHG emissions reports for both City buildings and the entire community;
- Continuing evaluation of options for greening City operations;
- Installation of energy efficient light fixtures at the Mountain View Sports Pavilion and Whisman Sports Center that will save approximately \$18,000 per year;
- Purchase of new chiller equipment for the Civic Center that will help the City achieve GHG emission reduction levels of at least 40% below 1990 levels by 2010 for the Civic Center buildings;
- Hiring of a Sustainability Coordinator to focus on these efforts.

For more information about the City’s environmental sustainability efforts and to sign up for notification about Sustainability Task Force meetings, call the City Manager’s Office at (650) 903-6301 or E-mail [city.mgr@mountainview.gov](mailto:city.mgr@mountainview.gov).

## MAJOR PROJECT UPDATES

### Stevens Creek Trail

Construction of the Stevens Creek Trail from the existing Yuba Drive trailhead to the south side of El Camino Real is nearing completion and an opening dedication is scheduled for late Spring 2008. The pedestrian/bicycle tunnel under El Camino Real and paving of the new trail section are expected to be completed by the end of April. Also, the temporary travel lane restriction on El Camino Real will be ended this Spring.

The new tunnel will allow pedestrians and bicyclists to cross underneath El Camino Real. The tunnel entrance features bluestone facing and the tunnel interior will be lined with continuous overhead lighting.

The next trail extension, from the south side of El Camino Real to Sleeper Avenue, is currently in the design stage and will begin construction in Summer. It will include the installation of a pedestrian bridge over Stevens Creek. A second phase currently in the planning stage will continue the trail further south from Sleeper Avenue over Highway 85 and extending the trail to an open area near the Dale Avenue/Heatherstone Way intersection. Later phases will eventually take the trail to Mountain View High School.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



### Honors Continue for Graham Sports Complex and Reservoir

The City’s new Graham Middle School Sports Complex and Reservoir project received four awards recently recognizing the project’s environmental and design achievements, as well as its contribution to the community. The recently-completed facility is an innovative partnership between the City of Mountain View and Mountain View-Whisman School District that features the construction of a City reservoir beneath a new community sports complex. The project was named the Environmental Outstanding Project of the Year by the American Society of Civil Engineers—San Francisco Section. It also received an Honor Award from the Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California, as well as a Second Place Merit Award from the American Public Works Association. Earlier this year, the project received a Crown Community Award from *American City and County Magazine*.

For more information, call the Community Service Department at (650) 903-6331.

### Parks and Open Space Plan

Mountain View is in the process of updating the City’s Parks and Open Space Plan. The Plan provides a comprehensive review of open space needs for the City and offers a long-range vision for the future. It is used to guide decisions about park and open space resources, as well as environmental and conservation efforts.

The Plan includes a detailed evaluation of current park and open space needs in the City. It also prioritizes recommendations for the future acquisition, improvement and preservation of parks and open space.

The public is invited to review the updates this Spring at upcoming meetings of the Parks and Recreation Commission, as well as a City Council Study Session. For more information about the Plan and upcoming meetings, call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331.



### Recreation Plan

This past December, the City Council began review of a draft of Mountain View’s new Recreation Plan. The Plan is a companion to the City’s Parks and Open Space Plan. It is intended to provide a comprehensive review and assessment of recreation programs, services and facilities, and serve as a guide to planning for recreational needs in the future.

The Recreation Plan draft has been developed with community input from workshops and focus groups, along with surveys of current Recreation Program participants and athletic facility users. In addition, the City has completed both an athletic facility inventory in Mountain View and an analysis of recreation patterns, preferences, and trends.

The next steps in developing the new Recreation Plan call for a review by the Parks and Recreation Commission sometime this Spring, followed by another review by the City Council. Approval of the Plan by the City Council is expected by Summer 2008.

For more information about the Recreation Plan, call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331.





# Spring & Summer **FUN** is Right Here in **MOUNTAIN VIEW!**

## Annual Downtown Parade on April 26th

Join family and friends for Mountain View's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Spring Family Parade beginning at 12- noon on Castro Street, Saturday, April 26.

Stay after the parade and enjoy special activities in Pioneer Park where there will be children's activities, music, and delicious food and entertainment. Pioneer Park is located directly behind City Hall at 500 Castro Street.

## Get Ready for Spring!

Clean out your closets, drawers, attics and garages and keep valuable items out of the landfill. Reusing—whether you donate, buy or sell—is one of the best ways to reduce waste. Do not miss the opportunity to shop for or sell used items at two events in May—the Citywide Garage Sale and the Community Yard Sale (*please note different dates below*). Events will be held rain or shine.

### Citywide Garage Sale—May 3

At your Home Saturday, May 3, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We'll provide a free "How To" guide and newspaper listings of address and sale items. Hold a sale at your home, coordinate with your neighbors for a block sale, or use this as an opportunity to raise funds for a community group. Register by April 18. Call (650) 903-6227 or visit [www.mvrecycle.org](http://www.mvrecycle.org) for more information

### Community Yard Sale—May 10

At Rengstorff Park (near Central Expressway) Saturday, May 10, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. More than 100 vendors will be in one location with hot bargains, good food, and more. Admission is free to buyers. Sellers can register to rent space at the park for a small fee. Register by April 18. Call (650) 903-6227 for more information.



## Enjoy the Farmers' Market Every Sunday



The Mountain View Farmer's Market is open each Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Downtown Mountain View Caltrain Station parking lot at 600 West Evelyn Street. The Market is operated by the California Farmers' Market Association and features more than seventy growers and food vendors.

For more information, call the California Farmers' Market Association at (800) 806-3276 or visit their web site at [www.cafarmers-mkts.com](http://www.cafarmers-mkts.com).



## Free Children's Theater in the Park

Peninsula Youth Theatre (PYT), in partnership with the City of Mountain View, presents free children's theater productions this Summer at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street.

A different 45-minute children's story will be presented each Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. from June 27 through August 15. Bring the kids, a picnic dinner and a blanket to sit on at the Center's outdoor ParkStage, located adjacent to Pioneer Park.

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| June 27:   | <b>King Midas and the Touch of Gold</b>                |
| July 3:    | <b>The Little Mermaid</b><br>(Thursday—due to Holiday) |
| July 11:   | <b>Stories Under the Big Top</b>                       |
| July 18:   | <b>Jack and the Three Sillies</b>                      |
| July 25:   | <b>Elves and the Shoemaker</b>                         |
| August 1:  | <b>Pocahontas</b>                                      |
| August 8:  | <b>Pied Piper of Hamelin</b>                           |
| August 15: | <b>Fabulous Fable Factory</b>                          |

The performers are students (ages 6 -13) enrolled in PYT's popular "Children's Theatre in the Park" Summer drama camps. Check the enclosed Spring/Summer Recreation Guide for information on how to register your child for a camp.

For more information, call the Center for the Performing Arts at (650) 903-6000 or visit [mvcpa.com](http://mvcpa.com).



There is fun to be had right here  
in Mountain View this Spring  
and Summer—for all ages.  
Community activities  
abound for any interest!  
Seasonal highlights include:

Inside this issue—  
check out the  
**Recreation Guide**  
for more activities



## A Great Place for Bikes

Mountain View has received two Bicycle Friendly Community Awards from the League of American Cyclists, which were both recently featured in a national bicycling publication. As part of that award designation, the City placed bicycle friendly community road signs along major roadways and bike trails throughout the City. For more information about bike-friendly resources in Mountain View, call the Public Works Department (650) 903-6228.



## Shoreline Amphitheatre Resident Ticket Policy

Mountain View residents may purchase tickets for most events at Shoreline Amphitheatre two days in advance of the general public. To participate in the program, residents must first obtain a Resident Identification Card from the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office. Resident Identification Cards will be issued at the Amphitheatre Box Office starting in mid-April.

A full description of the resident ticket program, along with its requirements and restrictions, may be obtained at the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office. Call the Shoreline Box Office at (650) 967-4040 for more information.

## SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

**As Summer heat and activities approach, here are some precautions to ensure your safety**

- Drink plenty of fluids and provide water for your pets
- Avoid excessive exposure to the sun and use sunscreen
- Dress in light-weight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and wear a hat or use an umbrella
- Do not leave children or pets unattended in vehicles
- Limit physical activity during hottest time of day (usually 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)
- Call 911 for emergencies

### Water/Pool Safety Tips

- Never leave a child unattended near water (no amount of water is safe while unattended!)
- Assign an adult to be a water watcher/safeguard, responsible for supervising children in the pool
- Adults should never leave the area without assigning a replacement water watcher/safeguard
- Teach all children to swim and never let them swim alone
- A self-closing, self-latching fence should surround backyard pools/spas to prevent children's access to such bodies of water
- Secure and lock all doors, windows and gates leading to the pool/spa area when not in use
- Use alarms on windows and doors that open to the pool area
- Place items which can be used for climbing (tables, chairs, planters, etc.) away from fences
- Mount lifesaving devices by the pool in a visible, accessible location
- Be sure to have a telephone at poolside with emergency number 911 posted on the phone
- Remember inflatable flotation devices are not lifesaving devices
- Remove toys from in and around the pool when it is not in use—as they risk drawing children near
- Avoid diving unless depth is known and a guard is on duty—always wade into water first
- Do not rely on swimming lessons, life preservers or other equipment to make a child water safe
- Learn CPR
- Call 911 for emergencies

## Library Summer Reading Programs

The Mountain View Public Library offers a wide range of free Summer programs for children and teenagers. This year's theme for youngsters is 'Catch the Reading Bug' with artwork by Harry Bliss. The teen program is titled 'Metamorphosis @Your Library' and features the fantasy art work of Jan Duursema. Sign ups for all programs begin June 9 at the Library, 585 Franklin Street. An awards program will be held on Wednesday, August 13.

**Family Kick-off Picnic:** Enjoy a family picnic and learn more about Library programs on Wednesday, June 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Pioneer Park (behind the Library). The Friends of the Library sweeten the evening with cake for dessert, followed by an entertainment and program sign-ups.

**Reading Families Program:** This program offers reading incentives for preschoolers by inviting them to listen to stories read aloud, along with their parents and siblings.



**Librology:** This original Mountain View reading and research game is played during the month of July and is open to readers who are 8 or older.

**Ages 5-12:** Featuring snakes and an insect laboratory, this Thursday afternoon program also includes magic, puppets, stories and music.

**Preschoolers:** A drop-in series of musical story-times for preschoolers will be offered on Tuesday mornings in July.

**Teen Programs:** Watch the Library website for details about special Summer activities for teens.

More information about Library programs for children is available by calling (650) 903-6897 or visiting the Library's website at [www.library.mountainview.gov](http://www.library.mountainview.gov).



# Connecting with your community

## Volunteer Services Program

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. For more information, call Rae Blasquez, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or visit [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov) to download a volunteer application.



## Current Volunteer Opportunities

**Spring Downtown Parade**—Special Event—Volunteers are needed to help at the 30th Annual Downtown Parade on Saturday, April 26. Help with set up, decorations, face painting, game booths or be a block monitor. Call the Volunteer Services Office at (650) 903-6607.

**Summer Youth Programs**—Leader in Training—Assist with various program areas, such as day camps, pre-school, aquatics and sports. Application and interview assessment required. Pick up an application packet at the Community Center, beginning March 1. Applications are due on Friday, April 25 by 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Recreation Office at (650) 903-6331.

**Senior Services**—Receptionists/Substitutes—Greet seniors and answer questions at the front desk. Shifts are flexible, with current openings Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Or volunteer as a substitute. For more information contact Megan Garverick at (650) 903-6448 or E-mail [megan.garverick@mountainview.gov](mailto:megan.garverick@mountainview.gov)



If you have an idea,  
or talent to offer,  
or want to join our team,  
please call the  
Volunteer Services Office  
at (650) 903-6607.

**Senior Services**—A.S.A.P. (Assisting Seniors in the Arts Program)—Provide transportation for Mountain View seniors attending theater events at the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts. Tickets will be given to the volunteer driver and senior participant. Training is required. Call Megan Garverick at (650) 903-6448 or E-mail [megan.garverick@mountainview.gov](mailto:megan.garverick@mountainview.gov)

**Senior Services**—Computer Lab—Help monitor and supervise the drop-in program at the technology center at the Mountain View Senior Center. Work once a week for one to two hours. Call Megan Garverick at (650) 903-6448 or E-mail [megan.garverick@mountainview.gov](mailto:megan.garverick@mountainview.gov)

**Community Outreach Program**—Volunteers who are bilingual in English and Russian or Spanish are needed to assist staff with providing information about City services at community events on weekends. Requires a 2 to 4 hour commitment. Training is provided and event dates are flexible. Call the Volunteer Services Office at (650) 903-6607.

**Community Outreach Program**—Office Assistants—Help with word-processing, Excel, FileMaker Pro, data entry, filing and general office duties. Work hours are flexible. Call Blanco Cinco at (650) 903-6545 or E-mail [blanco.cinco@mountainview.gov](mailto:blanco.cinco@mountainview.gov)



**Center for Performing Arts**—Ushers—Assist patrons at scheduled performances. The next usher training will be held Monday, March 10 and Monday, March 17 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the Center. No pre-registration required. Volunteers must attend both sessions. For more information, call Patrick Skelton at (650) 903-6554 or E-mail [patrick@mvcpa.com](mailto:patrick@mvcpa.com)

**Center for Performing Arts**—Office Assistants—Help in the Center office 10 hours a week. Skills required are word-processing, Excel spreadsheet manipulation, FileMaker Pro data entry, filing and general office duties. Work hours are flexible. For more information, call Patrick Skelton at (650) 903-6554 or E-mail [patrick@mvcpa.com](mailto:patrick@mvcpa.com)

**Library**—Various—Volunteers 13 years of age and older are needed to work in the following areas:

**Children's Services**—organize and shelve books, magazines, videos, CDs, cassettes, and books on tape.

**Support Services**—mend, repair and clean books and other circulation materials.

**Circulation Services**—sort books, organize and shelve CDs, books on tape and assist with miscellaneous projects.

**Acquisitions Services**—inspect new books, CDs, and DVDs for damage or defects and assist with miscellaneous projects.

For more information, call Maynard Martinez at (650) 526-7043 or E-mail [maynard.martinez@mountainview.gov](mailto:maynard.martinez@mountainview.gov)

**Shoreline at Mountain View**—Volunteer Docents—Help the public by working in a variety of areas:

**Rengstorff House Docents** are needed on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:00 to 5:00 p.m. Help conduct guided tours on the history and architectural heritage of the historic Rengstorff House.

**Patrol Rangers** walk Shoreline and/or Stevens Creek Trail to assist users with routes, park policies.

**Gatehouse Greeters** welcome visitors and educate the public on policies at the park's front gate entrance. Three-hour shifts are available any day of the week.

**"NEW"—Environmental Docents** educate the public about the area's history and natural surroundings. For information on upcoming training sessions, call Kristina Rockhold at (650) 903-6073 or E-mail [kristina.rockhold@mountainview.gov](mailto:kristina.rockhold@mountainview.gov)

**City Clerk's Office**—Office Assistant—Distribute Council packets, and assist with mail, general filing, copying, data entry, and record preparation for off-site storage and inventory. Computer experience is required. For more information, call the Volunteer Office at (650) 903-6607.

## Upcoming Opportunities

**Deer Hollow Farm**—School Year: Teaching Docents—Teach small groups of elementary school children about the farm and Native American studies. School year classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from September through May. No experience necessary. Training starts September 16-18 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On-going training is also available throughout the school year. Call Deer Hollow Farm at (650) 903-6430 or E-mail [dhfarms@mountainview.gov](mailto:dhfarms@mountainview.gov)



*The View* newsletter is part of the City's community outreach and information program—should you have any questions about the latest *View*, please call (650) 903-6210 or send an E-mail to: [kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov](mailto:kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov)

## Mountain View Citygram

How are we doing? Feedback from you is very important to us. Curious about a City service or program? Have an idea you'd like to share? Know a City employee who did a particularly good job? The City Manager's Office would like to hear from you. Send your remarks on a Citygram and you will receive a prompt response from the appropriate City department.

Thank you for your comments.

Send comments to the Mountain View City Manager's Office, P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039

I would like a reply:

- ☐ by telephone  
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# Community Calendar of Events

**Abbreviation Guide\***  
**CC** Council Chambers, City Hall  
**PCR** Plaza Conference Room, City Hall  
**ACR** Atrium Conference Room, City Hall  
**CPA** Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street  
**\*Please Note: All dates are subject to change.**  
Contact the City Clerk’s Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times, or visit the website at [www.mountainview.gov/events](http://www.mountainview.gov/events)

**Center for the Performing Arts Benefit**

You can help support the Mountain View Center for the Performing by attending *Gentry Magazine’s Annual Gala, May 31st* featuring food prepared by more than thirty Bay Area chefs and restaurants, plus entertainment. The Gala benefits local arts groups. When ordering tickets, use promo code “MVCPA” and 100% of your purchase benefits performances at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts.

For more information and to order tickets, call the Center for the Performing Arts at (650) 903-6000 or visit [mvcpa.com](http://mvcpa.com).

## MARCH

- 4 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 5 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 6 **Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 8 **Arbor Day Celebration**, Street 10:15 a.m., Pioneer Park, 500 Castro  
**Free Paper Shredding**, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. St. Joseph’s Parking Lot /Corner of Castro and Church Streets
- 12 **Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 15 **Library Re-Opening Celebration**  
Day-long begins at 10:00 a.m. 585 Franklin Street  
**Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Sunnyvale**. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.  
**Home Composting Workshop**, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
- 17 **Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 19 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC  
**Performing Arts Committee**, 7:00 p.m., SecondStage, CPA
- 22 **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose**. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 25 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 26 **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR

## APRIL

- 2 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 3 **Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 8 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 9 **Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue
- 12 **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Los Altos**. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 16 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC  
**Performing Arts Committee**, 7:00 pm, ACR
- 19 **Home Composting Workshop**, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Call (408) 918-4640 to register.  
**Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Sunnyvale**. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 21 **Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 22 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 26 **30th Annual Downtown Parade**, Castro Street, 12:00 noon. Rain or shine.  
**Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Santa Clara**. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 30 **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR

## MAY

- 1 **Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 3 **City-wide Garage Sale Throughout the City**, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 7 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC

- 10 **Community Yard Sale at Rengstorff Park**, 8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose**. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 13 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 14 **Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 17 **Home Composting Workshop**, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Call (408) 918-4640 to register.  
**Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Sunnyvale**. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 19 **Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 21 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC  
**Performing Arts Committee**, 7:00 pm, ACR
- 26 **Memorial Day** holiday. City offices closed.
- 27 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 28 **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR

## JUNE

- 4 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 5 **Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 10 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 11 **Annual Library Family Picnic**, Pioneer Park, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
**Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 14 **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose**. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 21 **Home Composting Workshop**, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
- 16 **Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street

- 18 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC  
**Performing Arts Committee**, 7:00 pm, SecondStage, CPA
- 21 **Home Composting Workshop**, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Call (408) 918-4640 to register.  
**Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Sunnyvale**. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 24 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 25 **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 28 **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Milpitas**. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.

## JULY

- 2 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 3 **Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 4 **Independence Day** holiday. City offices closed.
- 8 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 9 **Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue
- 16 **Performing Arts Committee**, 7:00 pm, SecondStage, CPA
- 19 **Home Composting Workshop**,10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
- 21 **Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street

## AUGUST

- 7 **Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 13 **Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue
- 16 **Home Composting Workshop**, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
- 18 **Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 19 **City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 20 **Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC  
**Performing Arts Committee**, 7:00 pm, SecondStage, CPA
- 27 **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR

### Free Paper Shredding Event

In conjunction with the Arbor Day Celebration, the City will hold a free event on Saturday, March 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. St. Joseph’s Parking Lot on the corner of Castro and Church Streets.

- Shredding helps to protect against identity theft
- Shred old tax returns, bank statements, credit cards, other confidential papers, floppy disks, CDs, DVDs and VCR cassettes
- Enter a drawing to win a free paper shredder
- Learn about crime prevention and get recycling tips

For more information, see page 1 of the *Resource*.

### Join Adult Education Classes at the Senior Center

Students of all ages can take adult education classes locally at the Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue. The classes are offered by the Mountain View/Los Altos School Adult Education program and range from painting and sewing to genealogy and yoga. Discounted fees are available to those over the age of 55. Classes begin in March. For more information and to register, call MVLA Adult Education at (650) 940-1333 or the Mountain View Senior Center at (650) 903-6330.

